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1. The following trains carrying Soviet materiel passed through FRANKFURT/Oder (O 53/V 63):

a. Night of 24 November 1949: Train carrying 65 long-barreled 75-mm guns, heading for BREST.

b. Night of 28 November 1949: Train of 45 cars, carrying about 90 37-mm AP guns, heading toward COTTBUS (N 52/A 57).

c. 29 November 1949:

(1) Train of 46 cars carrying two 75-mm howitzers each, en route from BREST to COTTBUS.

(2) Train carrying 75 new field kitchens, heading for FUERSTENWALDE (E 53/V 33).

2. Most of the east-bound trains carrying Soviet materiel were rerouted to the Balkans in BENTSCHEN or POZNAN, according to Polish railroadmen.

3. A train of 43 boxcars occupied by prisoners, almost exclusively former German officers, was standing in FRANKFURT/Oder during the night of 24 November 1949. The train was heavily guarded and floodlighted. It was dispatched for BREST in the morning of 25 November 1949.

4. Twenty-two rocket launchers from the former engineer equipment depot, KETSCHENDORF, were loaded on 29 November 1949 in FUERSTENWALDE for shipment to an unidentified destination.

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Comment:

a. East and west-bound shipments of materiel crossing the Oder River and shipments arriving at, or dispatched from, the KETSCHENDORF depots are continually reported.

b. No credible information has been received on the shipping of materiel to the Balkans.

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